(Currently Amended) The base transceiver station 18 20 is coupled to a base station controller (BSC) 22. Typically, a group of base transceiver stations are coupled to a single base station controller. The base station controller is operable to perform various control functions controlling operation of the base transceiver stations coupled thereto. Operations controlled by the base station controller include, for instance, channel allocations for communication sessions with mobile stations positioned within the cells defined by the base transceiver stations coupled thereto.

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(Currently Amended) The node-device apparatus includes a download parameter initiation signal generator 42 operable responsive to appropriate user input by way of the user interface, or other selection criteria, to generate an initiation signal which is routed through the packet data network to the data message service center 32. The data message service center also includes further apparatus 36 40 of an embodiment of the present invention. Here, the apparatus includes a download parameter request signal generator 44. Again, the element is functionally represented and can be implemented in any desired manner, again such as by an algorithm executable at a processing device of the data message service center.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) In a radio communication system having a network part that at least communicates data messages generated at a data

message service center to a mobile station operable in the radio communication system, the mobile station operable pursuant to at least a first operational parameter, an improvement of network-part apparatus for facilitating downloading of a value defining the at least the first operational parameter pursuant to which the mobile station is operable, said apparatus comprising:

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a download-operational-parameter initiation signal generator coupled to receive an indication of a request to download the value defining the at least one operational parameter to the mobile station, said download-operational-parameter initiation signal generator for generating an initiation signal directed for communication to the data message service center to initiate downloading of the value defining the at least the first operational parameter to the mobile station; and

a download-parameter request signal generator positioned at the data message service center, said download-parameter request signal generator for generating a data-message request for communication to the mobile station upon receipt of the initiation signal, the data-message request requesting initiation of the downloading.

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13. (Currently Amended) In a method for communicating in a radio communication system having a network part which at least communicates data messages generated at a data message service center to a mobile station operable in the radio communication system, the mobile station operable pursuant to at least a first operational parameter, an improvement of a method for facilitating downloading of a value defining the at least the first operational parameter pursuant to which the mobile station is operable, said method comprising: